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Welcome Extension Field Specialist:

We welcome **Christina Bakker** as Extension Field Specialist in Meat Science. She joined us in November 2020 in Brookings.



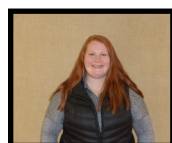
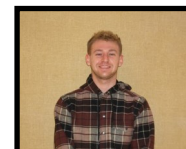
Welcome New Faculty:



We welcome **Dr. Hector Menendez** as Assistant Professor Research and Extension Specialist Livestock Grazing. **Dr. Menendez** joined us October 22, 2020 in Rapid City.

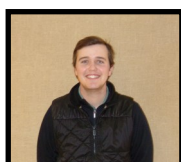
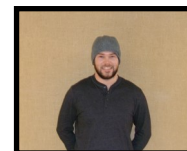
Welcome New Graduate Students:

Jordan Jansen from Coleridge, NE received his B.S. in Animal Science in 2020 from The University of Nebraska—Lincoln. He is pursuing his M.S. degree in Swine Nutrition with **Dr. Bob Thaler**.



Allison Bot from Minneota, MN received her B.S. in Animal Science in 2020 from The University of Minnesota—Crookston. She is pursuing her M.S. degree in Genetics with **Dr. Michael Gonda**.

Garrin Shipman from Charlotte, NC received his B.S. in Animal Science in 2018 and M.S. in Animal Science in 2020 from North Carolina State University. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in Swine Nutrition with **Dr. Crystal Levesque**.



Forest Francis from Perrin, TX received his B.S. in Agriculture Services & Development in 2017 from Tarleton State University and M.S. in Animal Science 2019 from West Texas A&M University. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in Ruminant Nutrition with **Dr. Zach Smith**.

Joel Kieser from East Bradford, IL received his B.S. in Animal Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2021. He is pursuing his M.S. in Swine Nutrition with **Dr. Crystal Levesque**.



Welcome New Staff:



Lynda Rave joins us as an Information Assistant. She has been employed at the University for 12 years previously in Accounting and began in Animal Science March 11, 2021. Lynda and her husband Bill live on an acreage north of Brookings.

Gamma Sigma Delta Awards & Initiation Ceremony:

Gamma Sigma Delta Celebration of Achievement and Initiation Ceremony was held on April 20, 2021.

Recognized were new members from 2020-2021, 2021 faculty award winners and 2021 poster competition winners.

Congratulations to the Gamma Sigma Delta 2021 Poster Competition Winners!

- Undergrad **Madison Kovarna** placed 2nd under Faculty Mentor Rosie Nold.
- MS **Adalaide Kline** placed 2nd under Faculty Mentor George Perry and Julie Walker.
- MS **Talia Everding** placed 3rd under Faculty Mentor Crystal Levesque.
- PhD **Christian Ramirez Camba** placed 1st under Faculty Mentor Crystal Levesque.

Madison Kovarna also had the top poster in the Social, Economic and Behavioral Sciences category for the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Day (URSCAD).



Animal Science Faculty member **Dr. Crystal Levesque** was awarded the 2021 Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Research. Congratulations Dr. Levesque on being nominated by your peers for this prestigious award.

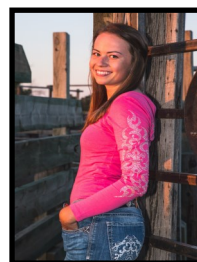
Celebration of Animal Science Achievements and Excellence:

April 16, 2021 marked an exciting day for Animal Science students, faculty and staff. Academic Quadrathlon and Judging Teams were recognized along with other awards.

Outstanding Student in Animal Science:

Students nominated for Outstanding Student in Animal Science (must be a May or December 2021 graduate):

- **Abigail Carlson**
- **Elle Moon**
- **Madison Kovarna**
- **Tommy Norman**
- **Jacob Rausch**
- **Kendra VanDeest**
- **Sarah Vos**
- **Riggen Zelinsky**



Sarah Vos

Sarah Vos was named Outstanding Student in Animal Science.

Judging Team Awards:

Tommy Norman was awarded the Dallas Larsen Memorial Scholarship in recognition of team leadership and enthusiasm. **Tyler Bush** was awarded the Roger Hunsley Scholarship in recognition of outstanding livestock evaluation skills. The Leonard and Violet Wulf Endowed Scholarship was awarded to **Senior Meats and Livestock Judging Team** members.

2021 Academic Quadrathlon Team:



In the Academic Quadrathlon, teams of four students participate in four events: the Lab Practicum, Written Exam, Oral Presentation, and Quiz Bowl. A local contest was not held this year, but the following group of students represented SDSU at the Midwest Regional contest: Murray Perkins, Buchanan, TN; Sadie Vander Wal, Brentford, SD; Sarah Vos, Caputa, SD; and Riggen Zelinsky, Brookings, SD. The team finished 2nd Overall, 1st in the Lab Practical portion and 3rd place in the Oral Presentation.

2020-2021 Animal Science Ambassadors:

Pictured below L to R: **McKenzie Cselovszki, Murray Perkins, Riggen Zelinsky and Sadie Vander Wal.**



The Department of Animal Science has implemented a new Animal Science Ambassador program which started in the 2020-2021 academic year. The Animal Science Ambassador Program allows for current students in Animal Science to share their stories and experiences to excite and inspire prospective students with what the Department of Animal Science has to offer. Our ambassadors meet prospective students and their families who visit with our department during their campus visit and provide them a tour of our Animal Science Complex and an occasional tour of the

Cow/Calf Education and Research Facility and Swine Education and Research Facility. This provides an opportunity for prospective students to connect with a current student and hear what it is like to be a Jackrabbit studying Animal Science. In addition, our Ambassadors also act as a mentor to first-year students on campus studying Animal Science. By acting as a mentor, the Ambassadors can assist students with the transition from high school to college, refer them to appropriate resources for academic support, encourage involvement with the department and/or across campus and simply be a familiar and friendly face. Ambassadors for 2021-22 academic year are **Sadie Vander Wal, Murray Perkins, Logan Tesch and Amanda Dean.**

Meat Science Quiz Bowl Team:

Four students competed in the 19th annual ICoMST/Reciprocal Meat Conference Quiz Bowl that was held virtually August 1-2, 2020. While classes were shifted online, these students had been practicing and gaining further knowledge all semester to better prepare for the competition. The students included **Reid Anema, Elizabeth Steever, Blake Wolters and Leona Meyer.**



2020 SDSU Meats Judging Team:

The team started off their spring season with two contests, The National Western and The Iowa State Invitational. The team placed 6th Overall in both contests, while placing in the top five as a team in multiple categories. Additionally, the team was highlighted by a 7th Overall individual performance by **Jadee Mattheis** at the Iowa State Invitational to round out our spring contest season. We started our fall judging season with the South Plains Virtual Contest, where the team finished in 6th Overall. We then moved into our final two contests, the American Royal and the High Plains contest. The team showed tremendous improvement from the spring season and captured the 5th Overall ranking in both contests to finish out their judging careers. L to R: **Emma Beach, Hannah Berg, Jadee Mattheis and Leona Meyer,** coached by **Trevor DeHaan and Erin Gubbels.**



Friend of the Department Award

Fred and Joan DeRouchey have been champions for animal agriculture, SDSU, and the Department of Animal Science since Fred graduated from SDSU in 1972. They have supported research, teaching, Extension and student activities with their time, leadership, and finances. Their support to new initiatives within the department, including the Swine Education and Research Facility and Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility, is exceptional. Their efforts in making connections, fundraising, and offering support for these facilities played a pivotal role in the projects, from start to finish. Fred also serves on the SDSU Swine Advisory Council and regularly shares wisdom, expertise and an outlook for the future. An example of their continued commitment is Fred's statement "Now that the barn is built... what can we do to continue to support this program?" This has led to the development of an endowed professorship in swine. Fred and Joan have supported students involved in judging teams, Little International and the swine industry through donations and scholarships. They are humble and often downplay the significance of their contributions, yet it is clear that they are committed to the long term success of the Animal Science Department and the next generation of students.



Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Duane M. Wulf has used the power of education to serve the university, his students and his community. The early part of his career boasts an outstanding record of academic accomplishment, starting at Ohio State University, then shortly thereafter at SDSU. During his 10 years at SDSU his research prowess was exemplified by significant external support and an exemplary publication record. He was an outstanding teacher, receiving the College of Agriculture Teacher of the Year Award in 2001 and in 2007 and the Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Meat Science Association in 2007. In 2009, at the height of his academic career, Dr. Wulf, with wife Ann and family, made a life changing decision to pursue mission work at Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico. The mission was a children's home, Casa Viday Esperanza (CVE), supported by their church. His goal was to provide practical education, training and career opportunities to fatherless and less privileged youth. He built three "business-as-mission" businesses: Carnisimo, a value-added meat processing company, Rancho Agua Viva, a cattle ranch and seedstock company, and Carnisimo Burgers. The businesses are financially stable while maintaining their mission to provide career training to less-privileged young adults. Concurrently, Duane established The Fatted Calf, a 501c corporation that provides college scholarships and training to develop responsibility and technical skills of these youth. He developed an annual Exposition (EXPO Esperanza) based on county 4-H fairs in the U.S. The Fatted Calf brings in interns from colleges around the U.S. to educate youth. With a lifetime of service to others through the power of education, Dr. Duane M. Wulf exemplifies a Distinguished Alumni.



Richard Wahlstrom Animal Science Award for Excellence

Dr. Amanda Blair joined SDSU in March 2007. Since that time, she has established a track record for excellence in teaching, research, and Extension. She has received multiple awards including the Students Association Teacher of the Year for the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences (2008), the 2009 Berg Young Scientist Award for SDSU, the New Teacher Award from USDA for Excellence in College and University Teaching in Food and Agricultural Sciences (2010), SDSU Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award (2010), SDSU Patrick Hogan Award for Excellence in Teaching (2009), and she was the 2012 recipient of the F.O. Butler Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has mentored four Ph.D. students and six M.S. students to degree completion, published 31 manuscripts and 58 abstracts. She has contributed to obtaining \$4.3 million in extramural funding. She also developed an impactful Extension program in Meat Science. This past year Dr. Blair was among many faculty who stepped up in response to the impact of COVID-19 on the meat processing industry. Her efforts in support of the SD meats industry were critical. She earned the Outstanding Extension Risk Management Education Project Award – North Central Region, 2021. Amanda has advanced her career over the past 14 years. She has demonstrated the ability to achieve excellence in teaching, research, and Extension.



University Celebration of Faculty Excellence:

March 25th, 2021 **Dr. Bob Thaler** was presented with the Distinguished Professor Award and **Dr. Rosie Nold** was presented with the Edward Patrick Hogan Award for Teaching Excellence. Congratulations to you both!

SDSU Livestock Judging Team - Spring 2021



The SDSU Livestock Judging Team has finished a spring for the record books. The team competed in six contests this spring and finished in the top five teams Overall at each event. The Oklahoma City Cattlemen's Congress was the first event of the year and the team brought home a 3rd place finish Overall with two individuals in the top ten Overall (**Bronson Smith**, 4th and **Stratton Wotowey**, 10th). Another highlight to the spring was the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, where the team was 1st Overall and we had three big finishes for individuals (**Ellie Sennett**, 1st, **Clay Sundberg**, 5th, **Stratton Wotowey**, 10th). The final contest of the spring was the largest contest our team competed in and it was hosted in Houston, TX. Again, the team brought home some hardware by finishing 4th Overall and **Bronson Smith** was High Individual Overall (the first time in SDSU history a Jack has won Houston) and **Murray Perkins** was 6th Overall. As we head into summer the team hosted two judging camps on June 9-11 and 13-15 and then will set their goals to work towards the national contest in Louisville, KY in November.

Meat Animal Evaluation Contest:

Competing in the National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest has been a long-standing tradition at South Dakota State University. This National Meat Animal Evaluation contest combines the aspects of both livestock and meats judging to bring students together to show them a greater perspective of how both are very important for the animal agriculture industry we all know and love. The contest is made up of three main components (Breeding Evaluation, Live Market Animal Evaluation, and Carcass Evaluation) and happens over three days. Additionally, there is a fourth component known as the Communications division. For this part, students must use their background knowledge of the agricultural industry to give a short presentation on an industry hot topic chosen by the judges. This year, the contest was held at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS during the last week of April. Team members included (**Kodie Doetzel, Jadee Mattheis, Murray Perkins, Russell Pluimer, Ellie Sennett, Bronson Smith, Clay Sundberg, Peyton Sundsbak, Stratton Wotowey,**) and were coached by (**Brady Jensen**) and (**Trevor DeHaan.**) We are happy to announce that the 2021 SDSU Meat Animal Evaluation Team brought home a 3rd Overall finish! We are very proud of the hard work and dedication shown by this year's team and can't wait for the 2022 MAE Contest which will be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.



2021 Wool Judging Team:

The SDSU Wool Judging Team participated in a competition held at the University of Wyoming. Five students competed, L to R: Coach **Rosie Nold, Isaac Berg, Emily Nold, Hadley Stiefvater, Samantha Thyen, Lindsey VanderWal**. The team placed 3rd in Value-Based division, tied for 4th in Reasons, 9th Overall. The team also competed in the first annual Black Hills Stock Show Collegiate Wool Judging Contest which was coordinated by **Jaelynn Quintana**, our department's Sheep Extension Field Specialist. The team placed 1st Overall, 1st in Reasons, 1st in Placings, 2nd in Grading and 3rd in the Valued-Based division. Individual highlights were: **Isaac Berg**, 5th in Grading, **Lindsey VanderWal**, 1st in Placings and 3rd in Reasons, **Samantha Thyen**, 4th Overall and 5th in Placings, **Emily Nold**, 1st Overall, 1st in Grading, 2nd in Placing and 2nd in Reasons.



Little International 2021:

The 98th Little International, "The Show Must Go On", was held March 26 -27. Congratulations to our winners! High Point Freshman, **Emily Nold**, High Point Upperclassmen, **Adam Bierstedt**, Champion Round Robin, **Ryan Franz**, and Reserve Round Robin, **Adam Bierstedt**.



Kevin Vander Wal was named Honored Agriculturalist at SDSU Little International. After graduating from SDSU with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science, Vander Wal became Assistant Manager of the SDSU Beef Unit, then transitioned into the manager role. Thirty-one years later Vander Wal still serves as the Manager of what is now known as the Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility.

Lamb Bonanza:

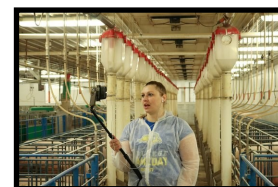
The 29th annual Lamb Bonanza scholarship pelt auction was held on January 9, 2021. Although Covid-19 changed this annual event's format, it was a success! More than \$8,000 was generated from six pelts to support undergraduate scholarships. Similar to previous years, four 'SDSU' and two 'JackRabbit' pelts were auctioned, and the top pelt went for \$1,900! Thank you to our bidders for all the support!



Beef Day:

Cattle producers had the opportunity to explore the 2021 market outlook as well as the latest beef research from South Dakota State University faculty and staff at the second annual SDSU Beef Day. This year's event was held virtually Tuesday, February 9, 2021 with 147 registered participants.

Demystifying the pork industry – that is the goal of the virtual tours through the swine education and research facility of SDSU. The research farm is the only academic facility in the US to offer a live look behind the scenes to a wide range of audiences. Check out the link in the body of the email, for more information.



Graduate Student Congratulations:

Graduate student **Dathan Smerchek** presented a seminar entitled "*Bedding application and increasing dosage of trenbolone acetate and estradiol in implants for beef steers: Influence on growth performance, carcass characteristics, and circulating metabolite responses.*" prior to his successful M.S. defense on October 30, 2020.

Graduate student **Erin Gubbels** presented a seminar entitled "*Influence of pre-harvest management strategies on beef cattle on growth performance, carcass characteristics, and meat quality*" prior to her successful M.S. defense on December 17, 2020. Erin will be continuing at SDSU with a Ph.D. program in Ruminant Nutrition with **Dr. Zach Smith**.

Graduate student **Samantha Egolf** presented a seminar entitled "*The influence of carcass weight on beef primal temperature, tenderness, and palatability.*" prior to her successful Ph.D. defense on March 18, 2021.

Graduate Student **Lydia Hite** presented a seminar entitled "*Influence of carcass chilling system on carcass characteristics and biochemical changes in beef carcasses*" prior to her successful M.S. defense on March 25, 2021. Lydia will be continuing at SDSU with a Ph.D. program in Meat Science with **Dr. Amanda Blair**.

Graduate student **Warren Rusche** presented a seminar entitled "*Management and dietary strategies to mitigate environmental stressors in northern plains cattle feeding systems*" prior to his successful Ph.D. defense on April 1, 2021.

Graduate Student **Elizabeth Buckhaus** presented a seminar entitled "*Corn grain alternatives and coated versus non-coated trenbolone acetate and estradiol implants for feedlot finishing animals: Influence on growth performance, carcass characteristics, efficiency of dietary net energy utilization, beef production per hectare and digestibility*" prior to her successful M.S. defense on April 16, 2021.

Graduate student **Talia Everding** presented a seminar entitled "*Cortisol in hair as a measure of chronic stress during sow gestation and the pattern of cortisol in blood during parturition in sows*" prior to her successful M.S. Defense on May 14, 2021.

Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Awards:

The Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) conducts a Teaching Certificate Program aimed to improve the teaching skill set for Graduate Teaching Assistants. Graduate student **Samantha Egolf** was awarded all three of the certificates offered: Certificate of College Teaching Development - Foundational Knowledge, Certificate of College Teaching Development - Practice I and Certificate of College Teaching Development - Practice II.

Retirement Reception:

A virtual retirement celebration was held for **Cheryl Beste** on September 11, 2020. Many past coworkers and friends attended virtually to commemorate her many years of service. Thank you and congratulations on 48 years of service!



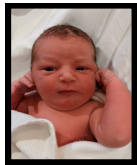
Congratulations:

It's a boy! **Wes Gentry** (former grad student) and his wife Kayla had a baby boy on August 24, 2020. Marshall Wesley weighed 9lbs and was 22 inches long.



Carter Hayes Schell was born to Carrie and **Kyle Schell** (former Range Management Outreach Coordinator). Carter was born September 21, 2020 weighing 8lbs, 2.5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Everyone is doing great!

Abby and **Josh Cribbs** (former Livestock Judging Coach) had a baby girl Millie Anne. Millie was born on September 27, 2020 and weighed 7lbs, 9oz and was 20 inches long. Her big brothers are smitten with her!



Emily and **Ethan Blom** (former grad student) had a baby boy, Nolan Ethan on October 11, 2020. Nolan weighed 8lbs, 4oz and was 20.5 inches long. He joins big brother Levi and big sister Ella at home.

Drs. **Mitzi** and **George Libal** are the proud grandparents of Felix Alexander Constantine Libal, who was born January 15, 2021. He weighed in at 9lbs, 2oz. Parents are Bob and Meg Libal, and all 3 generations live in Austin, Texas. Considering Grandpa George's background, Felix might be a member of the SDSU Swine Club in 19 years!



Congratulations! **Saulo Menegatti Zoca** (grad student) and Samara Mattiello had a baby girl. Luiza Mattiello Zoca was born February 15, 2021. Luiza weighed 7lbs, 13oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Sophia Jade Gilliland was born April 16, 2021 and weighed 7lbs, 9oz. Congratulations! **Himali Chathurika** (grad student) and Logan Gilliland on their little bundle of joy.



It's a girl! Joe and **Christina Bakker** (Extension Field Specialist) had a baby girl, Loretta Kay on April 25, 2021. Loretta weighed 7lbs, 9oz and 20 1/4 inches long. Congratulations!

Condolences:

We express our sympathies to the family of **Paul Schlobohm** (Ruminant Nutrition Center Manager). Paul's mother, Luella passed away March 18, 2021.

We express our sympathies to the family of **Darrell Nelson**. Darrell was an Animal Science graduate and President of the Brookings County Pork Producers. Darrell passed away April 18, 2021.

We express our sympathies to the family of **Dr. Kelly Froehlich** (Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist in Small Ruminant Production). Kelly's grandmother Avanelle passed away May 17, 2021.

Fall Bachelor of Science Degree
Animal Science

Zachary Bargfrede - Alpha, MN
Caitlyn Becker - Flasher, ND
Lindsay Bents - Rushmore, MN
Michael Coleman - Ormsby, MN
Breanna DeGrood - Faribault, MN
Danielle Dvorak - Yankton, SD
Reid Hansen - Good Thunder, MN
Jennifer Hurlbert - Raymond, SD
Alanna (Ivers) Hartsfield - Brookings, SD
Katilynn Jorgensen - Adrian, MN
Jillian Justesen - Sioux Falls, SD
Lexi Klein - Dell Rapids, SD
Andrea Kopman - Bryant, SD
Lauren Larson - Mitchell, SD
Joan Leiferman - Crooks, SD
Athena Moe - Fort Ripley, MN
Makayla Ogg - Clare, MI
Beth Reeves - Old River Winfree, TX
Brooke Skoglund - Brookings, SD
Devin Stricherz - Labolt, SD
Jenna Van Ginkel - Alvord, IA
Justin Viktora - Austin, MN
Miranda Wilkinson - Salem, SD
Jacob Wilts - St. Michael, MN

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2020

Master of Science Degree
Animal Science

Tiffany Bruhn - Cadott, WI
Swine Nutrition
Austin Egolf - Dillsburg, PA
Meat Science
Lily Hernandez - Sugar Land, TX
Swine Nutrition
Jessica Janssen - Fowler, IN
Meat Science

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
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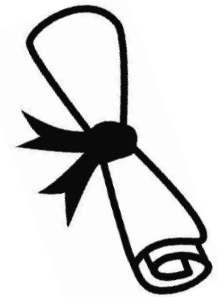
Christina Bakker - Lake Benton, MN
Meat Science
Jerica Rich - Durham, NH
Reproductive Physiology



Spring Bachelor of Science Degree
Animal Science

Mariah Beckmann - Slayton, MN
Brandon Berg - Henderson, MN
Breanna Brown - Brookings, SD
Reis Bruley - Willow Lake, SD
Tyler Bush - Britton, SD
Jennifer Campbell - McIntosh, SD
Danielle Capp - Belle Fourche, SD
Abigail Carlson - St. Boni, MN
Matthew Chaney - Libertytown, MD
McKenzie Cselovszki - Sleepy Eye, MN
Anna Dagel - Watertown, SD
Regan Davis - Balaton, MN
Jackie Farniok - Winsted, MN
Cassidy Gardiner - Sioux City, IA
Jade Goergen - Granville, IA
Caleb Grosse-Rhode - Fort Calhoun, NE
Allison Grygiel - Florence, SD
Scott Halverson - Fairview, SD
Riley Hanna - Ashland, NE
Santana Hanson - Arlington, SD
Sydney Hollenbeck - Winner, SD
Hannah Horchem - Tremont, IL
Aleigha Howell - Columbia, SD
Lisa Imamura - Tokyo, Japan
Riley Johnson - Jackson, MN
Hayley Kastrup - Blair, NE
Taygen Knippling - Chamberlain, SD
William Knudson - Florence, SD
Dylan Kohn - Cherokee, IA
Madison Kovarna - Merrill, IA
Amanda Lambert - Pittstown, NJ
Koltyn Louwagie - Cottonwood, MN
Aydan Mack - Watertown, SD
Kallie Mattison - Lamberton, MN
Elle Moon - Wall, SD (Fishback Honors College Distinction)

Brittany Morgan - Morgan, UT
John Morrison - Belle Plain, MN
Tommy Norman - Luverne, MN
Bailey Olson - Hartford, SD
Derek Peterson - Sisseton, SD
Paxton Peterson - Grand Island, NE
Kaleigh Powell - Liberty, IL
Jacob Rausch - Hoven, SD
Tyler Reese - Hancock, MN
Sidney Riemenschneider-Kingsley, IA
Abby Reiner - Hutchinson, MN
Mariah Sage - Crofton, NE
Thomas Salentiny - Fulda, MN
Hannah Sauve - Osage, IA
Olivia Scholle - Chanhassen, MN
Claire Sohm - Battle Creek, IA
Shelby Spanel - Anselmo, NE
Alannah Sperr - Rogers, MN
Heidi Stoltenburg - Elkton, SD
Alyssa Streich - Springfield, MN
Alex Thyen - Waverly, SD
Tiffany Van Beek - Inwood, IA
Carter Vanden Bos - Rock Valley, IA
Sydney Vanderhoff - Greenville, IA
Rachael Vlieger - Maurice, IA
Sarah Vos - Caputa, SD (Fishback Honors College Distinction)
Katharine Wesche - Shortsville, NY
Riggen Zelinsky - Brookings, SD



Summer Bachelor of Science Degree Animal Science

Jade Hagen - Sioux Falls, SD
Taylor Kindelspire - Crooks, SD
Reece Krueger - Arlington, NE
Madelyn Leque - Brookings, SD
Joshua MacDonald - Castle Rock, CO
Jordan Mehlhaf - Menno, SD
Laura Szabo - Budapest, Hungary (Fishback Honors College Distinction)
Janie Fritz - Sturgis, SD
Courtney Pohlen - Gilbert, IA
Tessa Wenner - New Ulm, MN



Master of Science Degree Animal Science

Elizabeth Buckhaus - Montfort, WI
Ruminant Nutrition
Erin Gubbels - Laurel, NE
Meat Science
Lydia Hite - Gracey, KY
Meat Science
Dathan Smerchek - Rosholt, WI
Ruminant Nutrition

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Samantha Egolf - Reberburg, PA
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